be filled as soon as possible with men known to be in sympathy with the Presbyterian Church, and with the seminary in its relation to the Assembly;

and that the committee had found the trustees un

the Lane trustees passed this resolution:

the committee continued another year:

ACTIVITY OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS

PRESENTS AN INTERESTING REVIEW

OF ITS YEAR'S WORK.

Pittsburg, May 17 (Special).-In connection with the

First Presbyterian Church, in the vicinity of

the Assembly's historic meeting place. The sessions, which will continue until Wednesday, were

ercises. Mrs. Darwin R. James, of Brooklyn, presi-

dent of the organization, presided. The church was filled. The report of the treasurer, Miss S. F. Lin-coln, showed the splendid sum of \$367,333 13 col-

lected for the year's work by Presbyterian women,

to whom the special department of the mission school work of the Board of Home Missions has

been committed by the General Assembly. A re-

view of the schools among the exceptional populations of the country-the Alaskans, Indians, Mexi-

the Rev. George F. McAfee, superintendent of schools, set forth the nature and results of the work accomplished during the year.

Mrs. Frederick H. Pierson, corresponding secre-tary, showed the fine organization on Presbyterian

lines of over 100,000 women, grouped in Home Mis-sion societies throughout the land, and stated that

Woman's Executive Committee property aggre

by them for Christian training school purposes and

Mrs. C. E. Coulter, secretary of the Freedmen's Department; Miss Elizabeth M. Wishard, secretary

of the Young People's Work; Mrs. D. E. Finks, Editor of "The Home Mission Monthly," and Miss M. Murphy, Editor of "Over Sea and Land," made interesting showings of their various depart-ments. Alaska was finely represented by Edward Marsden, a mality now completing his chucation

enterprise, another anniversary besides the exercises is thus celebrated at this As-

looking toward Sabbath reform. Mr. Nixon, of the

He urged that a committee should be appointed which should see to it that steps were taken to put "The Heraid" into every Presbyterian family in the United States, and asked that ex-Governor

Beaver should be made chairman of that committee.

In presenting a beautiful gavel to Dr. Booth this

morning, Dr. McEwan, the chairman of the Com-

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tiring in their desire and purpose to do everything in their power to bring the seminary into closer re-lation with the Church and to insure the hearty following resolutions:

1. That it is the sense of this Assembly that the Assembly of 1894 did not intend to prepare the way for any change in the tenure or management of the property of the seminaries, or to do anything which can affect the autonomy of the seminaries, and that the said recommendations were intended to have the meaning and effect as recited in this committee's report. This Assembly, in reaffirming the resolution of the Assembly of 1894, does so with the avowed purpose of leaving the tenure and title to all property of the seminaries exactly where they are now, in the hands of the various Boards of Trustees, and with the further purpose of securing the veto power to the Assembly as an effective force by charter provision, and of safeguarding by charter declaration the trusts held and to be held by Boards of Trustees against perversion or misuse.

2. That this General Assembly reaffirms the sympathy and support of the community and region in which the seminary is placed. Upon hearing these conclusions of the committee, Resolved, That the thanks of the Board of Trustees are hereby extended to the Committee of Conference on Lane Seminary for the patient and openminded manner in which it has sought information, and also for the outline of opinions and conclusions submitted, in which the purpose and spirit of this board are greatly interested. The committee closed its report to-day with this esolution, which was adopted without debate, and Your committee recommends the Assembly to encourage the board to continue making such efforts and devising such means as will speedily and thoroughly reorganize and increase the teaching force; and thus secure for Lane Seminary the constant fostering care and approval of the Assembly, as well as the confidence, sympathy and support of our beloved Presbyterian Zion.

and to be head by Boards of Trustees against per-version or misuse.

2. That this General Assembly reaffirms the action of the Assembly of 1894, and, in view of the progress made and the importance of the interests involved, deciares that in its judgment the effort should be continued to secure the adoption, in sub-stance, of the Assembly's plan by all the seminaries.

3. That a committee be appointed to have further charge of this matter, and to make report to the General Assembly.

do what they express their willingness to do, namely, to endeavor to secure such action as will insure to the General Assembly the right to be represented in the courts, and to enforce its proper control over the seminary and its property.

The Committee recommended the adoption of the

An hour and a half this afternoon was devoted to he discussion of the subject. Dr. Young gave a brilliant and lucid explanation of the report, dwelling with becoming pride upon the fact that great Ing with becoming pride upon the fact that great things had been accomplished for the Church by the committee during the year, saying, among other things, that Princeton herself had wheeled into line with other seminaries. He intimated that there were only two things contemplated in the report—First, to safeguard the teaching in the seminary, and, second, to safeguard the property of the Church. There was no intention, he said, to assume direct control of the seminaries, and there was no interference contemplated with the authority of these institutions, but the Church should have the right to step in when heresy is taught, and something should be done at once to settle the unrest of the Church.

In Howard A, Johnson, of Chicago, spoke against.

of the Church.

Dr. Howard A, Johnson, of Chicago, spoke agains the report as presented, declaring that the committee had misrepresented the attitude of Princetor is proved by the action taken by that seminary urther, that 300 seminary directors and trustee throughout the Church had expressed the opinior had no action is necessary. Omaha Seminary, of which he is a director, had approved the plan, and idd not object to the action proposed so much is to the fact that the committee had not brought he spirit of the seminaries before the Assembly.

BROOKLYN GAS COMPANIES TO UNITE.

MOVEMENT ON POOT TO MAKE A GREAT COMBI-NATION, WITH A CAPITAL OF \$15,000,000-

INTEREST IN WALLST. the merger would be made on according to General Jourdan, one of the interested parties, said last night that while such a plan was under way matters were in exactly the same shape as they have been for the last two or three years. The manta interesting showings of their various departments. Alaska was finely represented by Edward Marsden, a native, now completing his education at Marietta College, who was introduced by his Sitika teacher. Mrs. De Vore, of the Presbyterian Mission Trainling School. Three missionary teachers from the Mexican schools, as many from the Mormon field; Miss Ada Patterson, of Goodwill Indian Mission, Sissaton Agency, S. D.; Miss Florence Stephenson, of the Asheville, N. C., mission, and Miss Lucy Laney of Augusta, Ga., prominent in freedmen's work, kept the untiring interest of the great audience, Greetings from the Pacific Coast and from the Middle West were brought by Miss Margaret Boyce, of Culifornia, and Mrs. C. R. Hume, of Indian Territory, in able short addresses. In successfung assistent there will be discussion of practical method of work, and reports by delegates from all the synodical committees who form the basis of the organization. The enthusiasm of the meetings is indicative of the energy and success with which the Presbyterian Hemm Mission school work is prosecuted. Pittsburg being the birthplace of this enterprise, another anniversary besides the remile. following companies are included in the consolida-tion scheme: Citizens', Fulton, Municipal, Union, Brooklyn, Peoples', Nassau and Williamsburg gas-light companies. The capital stock will be about \$15,000,000. The value of the combined plants is es-

The men interested in the plan include among others H. H. Rogers, of the Standard Oil Company Collis P. Huntington, Camille Weldenfeld, and Negotiations were actively in progress the Legislature, it is said. Now it has been take up again, and little doubt is felt by the men be hind the plan that the combination will be effected

Assemblyman Wray introduced a bill early in the session that boded ill to combinations like the one on foet; but it was finally amended and passed so that it now provides that in cities of the first class it shall be lawful for the municipal officers to make It shall be lawful for the municipal officers to make fifteen-year contracts with mas companies, at raies lower than the legal ones, for the city's gas supply. These contracts are to be let publicly and shall contain a provision whereby there shall be a progressive reduction of rates during the period covered by the contract. The same provision applies also to the price of gas to private consumers.

The importance and interest of the plan to the people of Brooklyn are clear. The law provides for the sale of contracts at public letting, but when the combination once gets control there will be no competition. The companies are limited on their side by the statutory provision against a higher price than it is a thousant feet; but by reducing the force of employes and centralizing the plants to a greater except than it present, they are certain to increase their dividends.

Washington, May 17 - Superintendent Kimball this

THE WEATHER REPORT

HIGHER EXPONETER IN NEW ENGLAND. Washington, May 17. An area of low pressure covers to

For Maine, fair; warmer; somberly winds. For New-Hampshire and Verment, fair, followed by in-reasing cloudiness on Saturday afternoon; warmer; south-

ng weather, wermer, southerly winds. For Rhode Island and Connecticut, threatening weather For Rhode Island and Connected, intercenting weither smalldy showers on the coast; warmer; southerly winds. For Eastern New-York, increasing cloudiness, possibly

For Eastern Pennsylvania, warmer; southerly winds.
For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, rain; warmer; southerly winds.
For Virginia, showers; warmer; easterly winds, becoming southerly.
For Western New York and Western Pennsylvania, Por Western New York and Western Pennsylvania, becauselying weather, possibly showers near the lakes. chreatening weather, possibly showers near the lakes; warmer; southerly winds. For Ohio and Indiana, fair in southern, showers in northern portions; warmer; southerly winds.

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS. HOURS Morning. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 13 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 6 9 10 11 30.5

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morning was clear; in the afternoon it became cloudy and rather chilly. The temperature ranged between 46 and

TWO HOURS SPENT IN DISCUSSING THEIR RELA-TIONS-RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE. Pittsburg, May 17 (Special).-Dr. W. C. Young, chairman of the committee appointed to confer with the several theological seminaries of the Church, presented to the General Assembly his report this morning, which was made the special order for the afternoon. The report began with an explanation of the one adopted at Saratoga, which said, in substance, that the Presbyterian Church should control

those institutions. A significant feature of the report to-day was that which related to Princeton Seminary. The report said:

The directors and trustees of Princeton declare that they "do not antagonize, but, on the contrary, cordially acquiegce in and are in the fullest sympahry with the sentiment of the resolutions contained in the report of the General Assembly's Committee of Conference of Conference

the teaching in Presbyterian seminaries, and safeguard the property in case heresy was taught in those institutions. A significant feature of the re-port to-day was that which related to Princeton

THE REV. DR. W. C. YOUNG. go to Cincinnati a year ago to help the Lane Seminary trustees reorganize that institution reported that its visit had been extremely pleasant nd that the Lane officers are working in harmony with the Assembly's desire concerning that seminary. The report was adopted, and the committee, which contains two New-York men-Dr. G. W. F. Birch and George E. Sterry-was continued another year. Dr. David A. Cunningham, of Wheeling, W. Va., is the chairman of this commit-

other committees, all being clergymen except the

last two: Home Missions, George Norcross; For-

eign Missions, George W. Chalfant; Education,

Colleges and Academies, Warren H. Landon; Cor-

respondence, Howard A. Johnston; Benevolence,

Henry H. Jessup; Narrative, W. H. Cooke; Tem-

David H. Riddle; Mileage, Henry T. Nash;

The theological seminaries questions came to the

front early to-day, and will remain a feature of

the Assembly in one form or another for several

days. This morning the committee appointed to

Finance, James Yereance.

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WORK OF THE ASSEMBLY.

THE PRESBYTERIANS SETTLE DOWN TO

BUSINESS WITHOUT DELAY.

CHURCH UNITY AND THE RELATION OF THE

THE TOPICS BEGUN-HARMONY IN LANE SEMINARY-THE WOMEN

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Pittsburg, May 17 .- Dr. Booth came to the plat-

form this morning showing few traces of the sleep-

less night through which he had passed in the

vain effort to put every man in the General As-

sembly on the committee for which he felt himself

best adapted, and to keep him off of those com-

mittees which were not in sympathy with his

views. Dr. Booth named as his Vice-Moderator

the man who had placed him in nomination yes

terday, ex-Governor Beaver, of this State, much

to the delight of the entire Assembly. After recelving from Dr. McEwan, pastor of the Assembly

Church, a beautiful gavel, Dr. Booth announced

the standing committees. According to the un-

the Moderator's chair, Dr. S. A. Mutchmore, be

came chairman of the Committee on Bills and Overtures. His chief rival for the Moderatorship

Dr. W. N. Page, of Kansas, is the chairman of the

confer with all the seminaries of the Church with a view of securing, if possible, their acceptance of the plan outlined at Saratoga, looking toward the safeguarding of the teaching in all the seminaries, and preventing the alienation of funds in case a charge of heresy is brought against a professor, was also before the Assembly. The recent trouble with Union Seminary over Dr. Briggs was declared on the floor of Assembly to-day to be the cause of the appointment of this committee. Dr. W. C. Young, the Moderator of the Portland Assembly in 1892, the chairman of the committee, reported that the seminaries at Omaha and Dubuque have adopted all of the recommendations of the last General Assembly. Princeton reported that its charter now embodies substantially all that the Assembly hopes to accomplish by its recommendations, and therefore deems the proposed amendment unwise and unnecessary, but the directors and trustees added that if the Assembly should decide that such an amendment should be obtained the boards would endeavor to secure satisfactory action. The committee recommended that the Assembly should advise the Princeton authorities to secure that action. The answer from the Western Seminary, of Allegheny, was similar in effect to that received from Princeton, and a similar answer was recommended in this case. The Danville Seminary trustees did not feel that they could change their charter without danger of forfeiture. The committee recommended that the Assembly should request the trustees at Danville to secure such legislation, not imperilling the charter, as would insure to the Assembly representation in the courts. San Francisco, being under synodical care, deemed it wise to defer action until after the next meeting of the synod. The seminaries which have made no reply to the committee received no instruc-

THE THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PITTSBURGH. neapolis. The following are the chairmen of the | ness of the hour. The discussion will be resumed Church unity was discussed for an hour to-day. Dr. Joseph T. Smith, of Baltimore, the chairman of the committee, instead of reading School Work, John C. McClintock; Church Exten- the report, presented his resignation as chairsion, Samuel G. Boardman; Theological Semina- man of the committee, and also as a member of ries, Francis C. Montfort; Ministerial Relief, Jesse | it, saying, in explanation of this action, ti at F. Forbes; Freedmen, John I. Blackburn; Aid for while the most cordial relations existed between the members of the committee, the purpose of the of the members differently, especially in regard to | against the evil and institious influence of Sunday perance, E. B. Newcombe; Leave of Absence, the question of union with the Protestant Epis- newspapers, and urges them by word and action to the question of union with the Protestant Pr union with that Church if the way was while the majority seemed to think that the buy a Sunday paper themselves.

Dr. W. H. Hubbard, of Auburn, N. Y., one of the part of the new religious conferences.

direction. Before any action was taken on Dr. Smith's request, the report of the committee was read by Dr. R. M. Patterson, of Philadelphia, 1,000,000 copies had been printed during the year, and nearly 18,000 had been made by the enterprise.

morning, Dr. McEwan, the chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, said:

Through the kindness of a minister of the Gospel rearred in this community, now Consul of the United States in Jerusalem, the Rev. Edwin Wallace, I have the privilege of presenting you with this givel. Its handle was made of the oak of Abraham, which grows near Mamre. In the head of the gavel are combined the elemy of Egypt, the cedars of Lehanon and the balm of Gilead. May you be enabled to use that constituent portion which is needful for the occasion as the moods of the Assembly may vary. It was our purpose also to present you with a block of marble taken from the foundation of the ancient Temple of the Holy City, but instead we give you the table upon which the Moderator of the Reunion Assembly struck his gavel and which became further marked with the Indentations of fame under the vigorous ruling of President Patton, Moderator of the Assembly of 1878. It gives me great pleasure to place this gavel in your hands as the Moderator of the 187th General Assembly.

In reply Dr. Booth said: The report of the Committee on Church Unity in reference to the Federation of Reformed Churches the Moderator of the 167th General Assembly.

In reply Dr. Booth said:

I am reminded of what Paxton Hood said to the vicar of Brighton, who held out two fingers—"What am I to do with these!" I modestly hope that if any of the constituent portions of this embiem of authority may be needed, it may be the baim of Gilead. Our hearts may well swell with pride over cur Church in Pennsylvania. Our Assembly at this time rests quietly under the sheltering wing of Pittsburg. No other city has had the honor eight times and probably no other city has done more for the Church. We welcome this gift and hope it may be to me a reminder of many things well done. I have visited the Mount of Olives, and on this green earth there is no other spot where for a plous heart there is such a retrospect and prospect. The sessions of this Assembly ought to be in tune with the supplication, "Thy kingdom come." THE SEMINARIES AND THE ASSEMBLY.

HARMONIOUS RELATIONS WITH LANE. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE BRINGS BACK A DE-LIGHTFUL REPORT, AND IS TO CON-TINUE ITS GOOD WORK.

General Assembly at Saratoga adopted a resolution advising the Lane trustees to reorganize the semi-nary as promptly and completely as possible by introducing new and different men into the Board of Trustees and the corps of instructors; and a comnittee of three ministers and two elders was sent to Cincinnati to confer with the trustees and to advise with them concerning all the interests of the Cincinnati the committee outlined its conclusions, which were, in brief, that the faculty should be increased as speedily as the income of the institution would allow it; that the Board of Trustees should

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tions from the committee. The resolutions submitted reaffirm those adopted last year, and in

view of the progress made declare that the

effort should be continued to secure the adop-

tion, in substance, of the Assembly's plan by all

Dr. Young emphasized his report by an earnest

speech, to which a reply was made by Dr. How-

the seminaries.

Judicial Committee, which has shared, with the the committee had not correctly interpreted the

Theological Seminaries Committee, the most im- spirit of Princeton and some of the other semi-

portant place during the last four or five years. naries in its report. A third speech favoring the

The third chairmanship has gone to the second report was begun by Dr. McKinney, of Phila-

unsuccessful candidate, Dr. R. N. Adams, of Min- delphia, but was not finished, owing to the late-

who said in part:

The action of the last Assembly with reference to the correspondence with the Protestant Episcopal Commission was transmitted to the Commission, and since that your committee has addressed nothing to it. The Commission has acknowledged the receipt of the commistion has acknowledged the receipt of the committee's letter, and assured us that it would be had before the General Convention, which meets in October. They add for themselves that they regard the action of the General Assembly as an expression of a desire on its part that all negotiations between the two bodies snail case. For the purpose of correcting this erroneous interpretation of the last Assembly, your committee proposes to write to the Commission to the effect that the General Assembly by its action did not direct that all negotiations shall cease, but that they be suspended until the General Convention shall take action upon the subject of mutual recognition and reciprocity referred to by the resolutions of the Assembly. The last Assembly passed a resolution to the effect that the Committee on Church Unity should suspend further correspondence with the Protestant Episcopal Commission until its Church recognized the validity of the ordination of Presbyterian ministers, and, as a step toward unity, directs its clergymen to exchange pulpits with Presbyterian ministers.

The report of the Committee on Church Unity in reference to the Federation of Reformed Churches and other Presbyterian systems formed the greater part of the report of the committee; 193 Presbyteries have taken action upon the plan of federation sent to them by the last Assembly. Of that number fifty expressed dissatisfaction with the plan, without giving any reasons for their action; seventeen expressed their disapproval, with reasons; six were out of sympathy with the movement altogether; twenty-two gave their approval and expressed a desire that a plan should be adopted; 100 gave approval to the plan; seventeen took exception to the equal representation proposed; thirty-two took no action, or, at least, reported none. The conclusion of the committee is that federation has taken a deep hold upon the Church to a plan of federation by inviting other churches to join in a conference looking to that end. The report said that a majority of all the Presbyteries reporting approved the plan adopted last year, and a majority of all the Presbyteries reporting approved the plan adopted last year, and a majority of all the presbyteries on the roll expressed their sympathy with the federation movement; but it added that if the Assembly was not satisfied with the present plan, and would recommit to the committee, the members would endeavor to secure satisfactory modifications.

While Dr. Patterson was speaking on the report the gavel fell, and the matter was laid over.

Pittsburg, May 17 (Special).-Following the suspension from the ministry of Dr. Henry Preserved Smith, formerly a professor at Lane Seminary, the vise with them concerning all the interests of the institution, especially concerning its reorganization. This committee consisted of Dr. David H. Cunningham, of Wheeling; Dr. Charles A. Dickey, of Philadelphia; Dr. George W. F. Birch and George E. Sterry, of New-York, and E. R. Perkins. The committee made its report to-day, through its chairman, Dr. Cunningham, who said that the main object of the committee was a friendly one, namely, to visit, confer and advise; the mission had been fulfilled in the spirit of the last Assembly, and with very satisfactory results. After the conference in Cincinnati the committee outlined its conclusions,